(b) whether it is also a fact that even the water levels in several reservoirs in Chhattisgarh, built in Mahanadi basin, are full, but are not releasing water with the result that the water level in Mahanadi had gone down considerably, threatening the rabi crop in several districts of Orissa; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to resolve the issue between both the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BUOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (c) In July, 2000, a complaint was received from the Government of Orissa about reduction in the flow into Hirakud project. The Government of Orissa was advised to initiate bilateral discussions with the then Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir. The reservoirs in Chhattisgarh are not full as explained below:

(STORAGE IN BILLION CUBIC METRE)

SI. No.	Name of Reservoir	Full Reservoir Level (FRL) in Metres	Live Storage at FRL	Live Storage as on 30.9.2000	Live Storage against indicated dates		Last 10 years Average Live Storage
1.	Minimata Bango	359.66	3.046	1.678	4/2/2001	1.163	1.650
2.	Mahanadi	348.70	0.767	0.225	5/3/2001	0.080	0.358

Farakka Barrage

2691. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Farakka Barrage Project was aimed at developing Kolkata Port and in order to make this viable;

(b) what has been the impact and the result of the Farakka Barrage project on Kolkata Port;

(c) how much water was promised to be expected in summer time during the planning and take-off projects; and

(d) what is the actual quantity of available water today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYACHAKRAVARTY): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Due to sustained diversion of Ganga Water into the Bhagirathi-Hooghly river round the year through the Feeder Canal, navigability of the Calcutta Port has been maintained as well as the salt intrusion into Hooghly river reduced.

(c) The Farakka Barrage Project was planned to divert a maximum of 1,134 cumec (40,000 cusec) of water through the Feeder Canal into Bhagirathi-Hooghly river. The actual quantum of water carried by the Feeder Canal would depend on the quantum of Ganga discharge at Farakka, which varies throughout the year.

(d) During the first 10 days of March, 2001, the average flow of Ganga at Farakka was 1820 cumec out of which 915 cumec was diverted into the Feeder Canal.

Irrigation projects under construction

† 2692. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister ofWATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether irrigation projects are under construction in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of these projects alongwith the names and locations thereof; and

(c) She sifig? don capacity and the total amount spent on construction of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BUOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c)The details regarding major projects under construction in the country are given in the enclosed Statement.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.